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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on the telephone interview held on 3/28/02.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 02 October 1999 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to 28 MARCH 2002 Interview

1. The finality of paper no. 7 mailed on 01/02/2002 is withdrawn and this new office action takes the place of paper no. 7.

Drawings

2. The corrected or substitute drawings were received on 10/22/99. These drawings are acceptable.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-5, 8-12 and 14-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanson, U.S. Patent No. 5,257,206. Applicants claimed invention is displaying a trend chart of a selected process during a selected time window based on user defined trend chart configuration and displaying an event table containing information describing events occurring to the selected process during the selected time window. Hanson displays a trend chart in figures 6-8 and 15-18 during a selected time window, column 8 lines 22-26, and displays an event table, alarm described at column 9

lines 45-56 and shown in figures 6 and 7 or table shown in figure 8, for the selected time window.

5. Claims 1, 3-5, 9, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Murphy et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,768,148. These claims do not require the trend chart and the event table to be displayed on the display screen such that the user can view both the trend chart and the event table at the same time.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted steps are: displaying the trend chart and the event table on the display screen such that the user can view both the trend chart and the event table at the same time. For claim 6: This step is essential because it is needed for this claim to select an event marker displayed on the trend chart and to highlight on the event table a corresponding event. For claim 7: This step is essential because it is needed for this claim to select an event of the event table and highlight a corresponding marker displayed on the trend chart.

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8. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted elements are: means for displaying the trend chart and the event table on the display screen such that the user can view both the trend chart and the event table at the same time. This means is essential because it is needed for this claim to select an event of the event table and highlight a corresponding marker displayed on the trend chart.

Prior Art

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Alexander et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,229,536, displays trend charts and EP 0 508 386 A2 is the European equivalent of Hanson, U.S. Patent No. 5,257,206.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 6, 7 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffery A. Brier whose telephone number is (703) 305-4723. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:30 to 3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi, can be reached at (703) 305-4713.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.



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